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Blacks High on "Secret Security Index" List

WASHINGTON—Not long ago government officials laughed in the face of Black journalists who warned of "a pickup list for Blacks in urban riots." Blacks ignored the journalists. Now they know better. They've been awakened to the fact that thousands of Black Americans will be herded like cattle into concentration camps under the pretext of "an internal security measure."

Reports indicate massive snooping by government agencies who have managed to compile a well guarded secret listing of so-called potential subversives. This list is called "Security Index," which is a compilation of pertinent data on certain individuals, and kept up-to-date by the FBI, CIA, and Justice Department; to be used when they deem it necessary to make massive federal arrests.

This list has been expanded since its inception in the 1930s, to include alleged communists, Left Wing radicals, Black Panthers, Black Militants, and, of course, Black people generally. Independent Blacks who oppose racism and its accompanying evils, they are considered dangerous and definite security risks. One con-

servative guess has put the number of people on the list at over 100,000, with Blacks comprising the bulk of it.

What little is known of the secret file, came to light recently when a number of documents were stolen from the FBI's bureau in Media, Pennsylvania. These documents contained pertinent information concerning many individuals throughout the United States Black, Brown and White. Since this expose many former FBI agents, and Justice Department lawyers have suddenly begun divulging information re the secret index.

The information contained within the documents stolen was startling to most white, but it was not surprising at all to intelligent Black people. Remember the "Index File" the government used when they swooped down on unsuspecting Japanese-Americans during World War II, herding them like animals into ready made concentration camps? This is a repeat performance.

Minority groups need never be reminded that such a list exists. They know. But it has taken a handful of stolen documents to awaken snug "Anglos," who can now simmer and squirm while trying to figure out what's next. Their names and many others, are on the

list not so more reason than talking to, or association with Black people.

A former Justice Department managed to sum up the Secret Index well, when he stated recently that "There is no question what would be done if necessary, these are the people they will grab." And he should know, he was once part of the same apparatus.